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SUBJ: SALE OF AIRCRAFT-RELATED MACHINE TOOL

1. IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH USLO OFFICER
JUNE 13, JAMES CHEN OF WJS, WASHINGTON, DC, AND
T.E. AARON OF ANOCUT, INC, ELK GROVE VILLAGE,
ILL, MENTIONED THAT THE MACHINE TOOL SOLD TO
TECHIMPORT BY ANOCUT, INC. (CONTRACT SIGNED JUNE 11)
IS DESIGNED TO BE USED IN PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT
TURBINES. THEY FURTHER SAID THAT DURING
NEGOTIATIONS TECHIMPORT HAD ASKED QUESTIONS
AND PRESENTED SKETCHES WHICH CONVINCED THEM
THAT THE TOOL WOULD INDEED BE USED TO PRODUCE
TURBIIMES IN CHINA, SPECIFICALLY
THE ROLLS ROYCE SPEY ENGINE. AARON, IN PARTICULAR,
SEEMED FAMILIAR WITH ROLLS ROYCE TECHNOLOGY.

2. CHEN STATED THAT THE CONTRACT WITH TECHIMPORT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED IN RECORD TIME AND THAT TECHIMPORT IS ANXIOUS TO GET THE TOOL. AARON CORROBORATED THIS AND SAID THAT ABOUT A YEAR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THE TOOL. AARON NOTED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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TECHIMPORT HAD DECLINED TO ACCEPT ANOCUT'S OFFER OF START-UP SERVICES AND, AS A RESULT, ANOCUT DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE OR HOW THE MACHINE WILL BE USED. NEITHER CHEN NOR AARON INDICATED THAT AN EXPORT LICENSE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SALE OF THE MACHINE TOOL TO THE PRC.

3. THE BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT THE PRC-ROLLS ROYCE SPEY ENGINE DEAL WAS NOT A "PACKAGE" IN WHICH PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT LIKE THE ABOVE MACHINE TOOL WOULD BE INCULDED. THIS LEAVES OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRC WOULD NEED TO ACQUIRE A MACHINE TOOL LIKE THE ANOCUT MODEL FOR USE IN SPEY ENGINE PRODUCTION. THOMAS

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